



ACCF ITLN 101 ELEMENTARY ITALIAN

Course	Italian Language – Level A1 (Beginners)
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Sessions Offered	Spring / Fall / Summer

Course Description	This course is dedicated to developing basic skills in Italian – conversational, listening, reading, and writing. The stress is on the ability to communicate well in simple conversations in a range of real-life situations. A working knowledge of the basic structure and grammar of Italian is achieved.
Learning Objectives and Outcomes	All students who successfully complete this course will have acquired: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● knowledge in basic conversational Italian● command of the basic grammatical structures of Italian, in speaking and in writing● the ability to understand elementary written texts in Italian of various kinds (short stories, articles)● the ability to follow simple sentences Italian spoken by native Italians● the ability to communicate in various everyday situations (the market, the station, giving directions, etc.)● a basic vocabulary for description and personal interaction, with a grasp of the principal tenses and their forms● competence in writing simple texts in Italian● a fundamental awareness of Italian culture and customs as expressed in the language, including phrases and expressions, greetings, etc.
Student Assessment	Consistent and engaged participation in class is a must. Therefore, attendance will be rigorously checked and excessive absences will incur sanctions. Students must be prepared and ready to respond actively in class, and they have to keep up with homework. The textbook and workbook assignments are an essential means of reinforcing both grammar and spoken Italian. The examinations will include some combination of the following: a variety of question types (multiple choice questions, fill-in-the-blank, “find the mistake”, etc.), writing tasks (questions, brief written composition; brief dictation or transcription of audio material) and oral examination (student with instructor).

Bibliography, Webography, Filmography	<p>1) La Grassa Matteo, “<i>L’italiano all’università 1, Beginners-Elementary</i>”.</p> <p>Libro + CD Audio. Edizioni Edilingua.</p> <p>Additional exercises and readings (including selections from Italian literature and popular culture) from sources beside the textbook, will be supplied</p>
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Week 1	<p>Grammar: Alphabet. Present tense verbs to be/to have</p> <p>Communication: Introduce yourself, greetings, nationalities.</p>
Week 2	<p>Grammar: Alphabet. Nouns, singular and plural, definite and indefinite articles, formal/informal. Use of c’è/ci sono. Class Vocabulary.</p> <p>Communication: Introduce yourself and a friend, numbers, first dialogues</p>
Week 3	<p>Grammar: the three conjugations of Present Tense for regular and irregular verbs. Conditional of <i>Volere/Piacere</i>.</p> <p>Communication: talk on the phone, order at bar and restaurant, expressing preference (“mi piace”/“mi piacciono”)</p>
Week 4	<p>Grammar: adjectives and opposites.</p> <p>Communication: express feelings Vocabulary: the body parts.</p>
Week 5	<p>Grammar: Progressive form. <i>Fare</i> verb.</p> <p>Communication: days of the week, how to ask the time, months and seasons.</p>
Week 6	<p>Grammar: Possessive adjectives.</p> <p>Communication: the family.</p>
Week 7	<p>Grammar: Reflexive Verbs.</p> <p>Communication: talk about daily routine</p>
Week 8	<p>Revision and Midterm Exam</p>
Week 9	<p>Grammar: Modal Verbs.</p> <p>Communication: ask permission and give suggestions. Accept/refuse an invitation</p>
Week 10	<p>Grammar: Past participle of regular and irregular verbs. The use of “Passato Prossimo”.</p> <p>Vocabulary: the weekend activities.</p> <p>Communication: talking about the past.</p>
Week 11	<p>Grammar: Use of “Mi sembra”.</p> <p>Vocabulary: Clothing.</p> <p>Communication: describing people (appearance and personality)</p>

Week 12	Grammar: Simple and combined article prepositions. Communication: Directions and places
Week 13	Review
Week 14	Final Exam